

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:
a curvilinear guide configured to at least partially encircle, and fit within, a bony orbit of an eye, the curvilinear guide configured to remain in a fixed position relative to the eye; and
a thruster selectively repositionable along a length of the curvilinear guide and relative to a static position of the curvilinear guide, the thruster configured to exert a depression force on a portion of the eye at a position determined by a position of the thruster; and
wherein the thruster is adjustably deployable at the position of the thruster.
2. (Cancel).
3. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the guide includes at least one of any combination of a tubular member, a grooved channel and a polymer track.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the thruster includes at least one of any combination of a balloon, a balloon having an orifice for receiving a fluid, a pivoting link and a cam.
5. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising a sleeve for encircling at least one of any combination of a portion of the thruster and a portion of the curvilinear guide.
6. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:
a curvilinear guide for coupling about an eye; and
a thruster for selectively positioning along the curvilinear guide; and
wherein the thruster is adjustably deployable; and
an insertion means to receive the guide and position the guide about the eye.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6 wherein the insertion means includes an introducer.
8. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising an illumination source coupled to the guide.
9. (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein the illumination source includes at least one of any combination of a light pipe and a fiber optic filament.
10. (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein the illumination source includes a side emitting filament.
11. (Original) The system of claim 8 further including an illumination source positioning means coupled to the illumination source.
12. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:
 - a curvilinear guide for coupling about an eye; and
 - a thruster for selectively positioning along the curvilinear guide; and
 - wherein the thruster is adjustably deployable; and
 - an illumination source coupled to the guide; and
 - wherein the thruster includes a balloon and further wherein the illumination source is disposed within the balloon.
13. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the guide includes a side emitting optical element.
14. (Previously Presented) An ophthalmic apparatus comprising:
 - a first tubular leg;
 - a second tubular leg held in alignment with the first tubular leg;
 - a track configured to at least partially encircle, and fit within, a bony orbit of an eye, the track coupled to the first tubular leg and the second tubular leg; and

a thruster means coupled to the track and configured to exert a depression force on a user selectable radial portion of the eye, the portion of the eye determined by a position of the thruster means relative to the track and whereby the thruster means is repositionable along the track and wherein the position of the thruster means is independent of a position of the first tubular leg and a position of the second tubular leg.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the first tubular leg and the second tubular leg are fabricated of stainless steel.

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17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the first tubular leg and the second tubular leg are held in rigid alignment.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the track includes a flexible tube.

19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the first tubular leg is adapted to receive a light source having a position determined by the track.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the first tubular leg is adapted to receive an actuator control for the thruster means coupled to the track.

21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the first tubular leg is adapted to receive a thruster position control for the thruster means.

22. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

a track adapted for placement and immobilization within the bony orbit of an eye;

an introducer having a pair of legs adapted to receive the track and facilitate placement of the track within the bony orbit of the eye; and

a light coupled to the track and adapted to illuminate a portion of the eye wherein the light is repositionable along a length of the track.

23. (Original) The system of claim 22 further including a light positioning means coupled to the light and wherein a position of the light is remotely selectable.

24. (Original) The system of claim 22 wherein the light includes at least one of any combination of an illumination source, a fiber optic element and a light pipe.

25. (Original) The system of claim 22 further including a thruster means coupled to the track and adapted to exert a force on the eye relative to the track and wherein the thruster means is selectively deployable.

26. (Original) The system of claim 25 further including a thruster positioning means coupled to the thruster means and wherein a position of the thruster means is remotely selectable.

27. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:
a curvilinear guide tube having an aperture in a side wall;
a balloon disposed within a lumen of the guide tube and adapted to be selectively inflated such that the balloon distends through the aperture, and further wherein the balloon is selectively positionable within the guide tube; and

wherein the guide tube is adapted to be received by a bony orbit of an eye, and wherein the guide tube is adapted to at least partially encircle the eye, and when inflated, the balloon exerts a depression force on a portion of the eye.

28. (Original) The system of claim 27 further including an introducer adapted for insertion of the guide tube into the bony orbit.

29. (Original) The system of claim 28 further comprising a pair of speculum blades coupled to the introducer.

30. (Original) The system of claim 27 further including a light element adapted for placement within the guide tube.
31. (Original) The system of claim 27 further including positioning means coupled to the balloon wherein a position of the balloon within the guide tube is remotely selectable.
32. (Original) The system of claim 27 wherein the guide tube includes a polymeric tube.
33. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 27 e further including a sheath having a lumen adapted to receive the guide tube and the balloon.
34. (Withdrawn) A method comprising:
positioning a guide member around at least a portion of an eye, the guide member providing access to at least a first region of the eye, the first region disposed radially about the eye;
positioning a first thruster independent of the positioning of the guide member, the first thruster positioned proximate to the first region; and
actuating the first thruster to exert a first force on the eye at the first region, the first force relative to the guide member.
35. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 34 further comprising:
positioning a second thruster relative to the guide member at a second region disposed radially about the eye; and
actuating the second thruster to exert a second force on the eye at the second region, the second force relative to the guide member.
36. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 35 wherein positioning the second thruster is independent of positioning of the first thruster.

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37. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 35 wherein actuating the second thruster is independent of actuating the first thruster.
38. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 34 wherein positioning the guide member includes at least one of any combination of encircling at least a portion of the eye and positioning within a bony orbit of the eye.
39. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 34 wherein positioning the first thruster includes at least one of any combination of exerting a linear force about the eye and receiving a signal from a remote controller.
40. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 34 wherein actuating the first thruster includes at least one of any combination of receiving a signal from a remote controller, exerting a linear force about the eye, introducing a fluid to an envelope, pumping a fluid into a balloon, articulating a link arm, transforming a shape memory material, exerting a spring force and selecting a radial extension dimension.
41. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 further including an insertion means to receive the guide and position the guide about the eye.
42. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 41 wherein the insertion means includes an introducer.
43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 8 wherein the thruster includes a balloon and further wherein the illumination source is disposed within the balloon.
44. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the first tubular leg and the second tubular leg are in crossed alignment.